REMARKS

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-6 and 8-16 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 11, 13, and 15 have been amended, and claim 7 has been canceled herein. Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

In item 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,149,323 issued to Shima (hereafter "Shima"). Anticipation under §102 "requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under construction. W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. v. Garlock, Inc., 220 USPQ 303, 313 (Fed. Cir. 1983). As an initial matter, Applicants note that claim 7 has been canceled herein, thereby rendering the rejection of claim 7 moot. For the reasons that follow, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-16 be withdrawn.

To begin, claim 1 as amended herein provides as follows:

> 1.   A method of controlling a printer using an application in a computer system, comprising:
> downloading document content of the document to the computer system from a remote computer system;
> setting an indicator if a set of content-provider-selected printer settings is unavailable to be downloaded to the computer system with the document;
> choosing, in the computer system, a group of printer settings from a group of potential printer-setting sources;
> associating, in the computer system, the printer settings with a document; and
> sending the printer settings to the printer prior to printing the document;
> wherein the potential sources include at least one set of user-selected printer settings selected by a user of the computer system, and a set of content-provider-selected printer settings selected by a content provider of the document if the set of content-provider-selected printer settings are available.

As set forth above, claim 1 has been amended to indicate that the document content of the document is downloaded to the computer system from a remote computer system, and that an indicator is set if content-provider-selected printer settings are not available in association with the document. In at least this respect, Applicants assert that Shima fails to show or suggest each of the elements of claim 1 as amended.

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In particular, Shima discusses a print system in which print settings are stored for documents. Users may create print settings for the printing of documents and such settings are stored in a computer system for use by other parties who wish to print various documents. However, Shima fails to show or suggest downloading a document from a remote computer system and then setting an indicator if content-provider-selected printer settings are not available with the document as downloaded. Such an indicator allows a system to take such action as is appropriate to provide for proper printer settings in lieu of the fact that content-provider-selected printer settings are not available.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 1 as amended be withdrawn. In addition, Applicants that claims 11, 13, and 15 are also amended to incorporate the setting of an indicator if a set of content-provider-selected printer settings are not available as set forth above. Consequently, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 11, 13, and 15 be withdrawn. Also, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 2-6 be withdrawn as depending from claim 1.

In addition, claim 8 recites as follows:

> 8.   A method of printing remote documents from a local computer system, comprising:
> subscribing to a document provided by a remote computer system;
> associating, with the document, in the local computer system, a set of document-specific printer setting, if available;
> downloading document content of the document from the remote computer system;
> choosing printer settings for printing the document from a group of potential printer-setting sources, wherein the group of potential sources includes the set of document-specific printer settings; and
> sending the printer settings and the document content to a printer.

As set forth above, claim 8 sets forth subscribing to a document provided by a remote computer system and downloading document content of the document from a remote computer system where a set of document-specific-printer settings are associated with the document if such settings are available. With regard to claim 8, the Office Action does not specifically delineate where the steps of subscribing to the document, associating with the document and downloading the document are discussed. However, with respect to claim 7 canceled herein, the Office Action

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states that Shima discloses downloading document content from a remote computer system at column 6, lines 1-15. However, at column 6, lines 1-15, Shima states:

> "In this embodiment, a plurality of host computers 61A, 61B are arranged so as to be able to communicate with one printer 65 via a network 63. The printer 65 manages print-mode setting values A1, A2, A3, and B1 which the host computer 61A, 61B specified with the respect to the printer 65 in the past. Since the printer 65 is capable of offering the setting values A1, A2, A3, and B1 to the respective host computer 61A, 61B, each of the host computers 61A, 61B can utilize the setting values determined by the other host computer, as well as the setting values determined by the host computer itself. For example, if the user of the B-machine 61B is an expert in photographic printing, the user of the A-machine 61A can also obtain a beautiful photographic print by utilization of the setting value B1 which is determined by the expert so as to become suitable for photographic printing."

As set forth above, Shima merely explains the concept that various printer settings stored within the printer or other location may be employed by multiple different host computers. In this respect, Shima does not show or suggest each of the elements of claim 8. Specifically, Shima does not show or suggest the element of subscribing to a document provided by a remote computer system and downloading the document content of the document from the remote computer system.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 8 as filed be withdrawn. In addition, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 12, 14, and 16 be withdrawn to the extent that these claims recite subscribing to a document in a remote computer system and downloading the document therefrom, *etc.* In addition, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 9 and 10 be withdrawn as depending from claim 8.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,
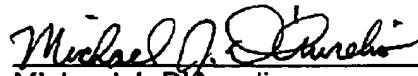
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